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Re:

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For: Methods and Compositions for Isolation of Biological Macromolecules

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.36(a) (PTO/SB/22);
- 2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the extension for response within third month;
- 3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
- 4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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